

**Domestic Violence Service**  
**Needs: Victims and**  
**Perpetrators in the Spanish-**  
**Speaking Immigrant**  
**Community**

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# **Expressed Situation of Female Victims**

- She calls when he leaves the house
- She doesn't work
- She doesn't have access to a car
- She doesn't speak English
- She doesn't have open access to the telephone or internet

# Barriers to Accessing Services

- Effects of domestic violence commonly experienced by victims appear exacerbated in the immigrant community
- The elevated impact often develops as a result of immigration status
- This dynamic constructs additional barriers to getting assistance and support

# OUTREACH

- Where Spanish-language services exist, there must be a program component of focused, targeted outreach to Spanish-speaking communities to communicate the presence of available services, provide contact information for services, and disseminate victims' rights information

# **Service Needs for Perpetrators**

- Access to the Family Violence Education Program
  1. Civil Rights
  2. Reduce Recidivism and Increase Victim Protection

# **Barriers to Receiving Services**

- Frequent change of address
- Frequent change of phone number
- Limited numbers of Spanish-language classes reduce ability of men to choose a day, time, or location to receive services
- Lack of transportation

# **Spanish-Language Resource Needs For Offenders**

- Increased classes offered by the Judicial Branch to perpetrators
- Increased class materials in Spanish
- Increased bi-lingual services providers
- Increased priority placed on treating Spanish-speaking offenders